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4 AUG 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

FROM: James H. McDonald  
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Disposition of Foreign Gifts Valued  
at Less than \$50

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 20 Jul 77 to D/L fr D/Pers,  
same subject (Pers 77-2381; OL 7 3246)

1. In response to the request contained in referent, we contacted Ms. Nancy Rosenberg, Administrator, Foreign Gifts Program, General Services Administration, who advised that any foreign gift, regardless of estimated value, turned in by the recipient should be passed to the Office of Protocol, Department of State, for disposition. The Department of State is required by law to accept any item, have its value assessed professionally, and determine the proper disposition.

2. We are aware of the Office of Protocol's reluctance to accept items that appear to have a value of less than \$50. However, the gifts in your possession are a unique category of Government property, and the Agency has no authority to do other than forward them to the Office of Protocol.

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James H. McDonald

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

FROM : F. W. M. Janney  
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Disposition of Foreign Gifts Valued at  
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1. In accordance with PL 89-673 and [redacted] Federal employees are required to report any gift received from a representative of a foreign government. Gifts valued at more than \$50 are deemed accepted on behalf of the U. S. Government and therefore become Government property. These are forwarded to the Office of Protocol, Department of State. The only exceptions are items which could identify the donor or the recipient or display items for which the Office of Protocol will authorize Agency retention.

2. Gifts valued at less than \$50 may be retained by the recipient for personal use. Some employees, e.g., past Directors, did not want the foreign gifts they had received and forwarded them to the Office of Personnel for disposal. The purpose of this memorandum is to request your assistance in establishing procedures whereby such items can be turned over to your Office for disposal or destruction in the same manner as Government property.

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F. W. M. Janney

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